

BELGIAN HARES PLENTY

Many of Them Being Bred Here Now.

(From Saturday's daily.)

NOT ONE PAIR but at least twenty pairs of Belgian hares and rabbits and three or four dozen young offspring are of a certainty on these Islands, for that number were seen yesterday by an Advertiser reporter at a regularly established and thriving rabbitry running in full blast and in defiance of the law, in Mokuauia valley and within three miles of the city. Not only is this a fact, but indications point to the existence of a number of other rabbitries, and many cases were discovered yesterday of the pests being reared as pets, the prolific product of young being distributed freely among friends and neighbors of the owners; this is the state of affairs in the Portuguese element particularly.

The rabbitry in question belongs to a man named Wagner, an importer of stock, who has an establishment at Iwilei, near the Metropolitan Meat Company's slaughter house, and who supplies that company with pork and other meats.

Mr. Wagner has a thriving stock farm up Mokuauia valley, the same being conducted in a capable manner by his energetic Hawaiian wife and turkeys, guinea fowls and other poultry are raised at the place for the supplying of the establishment down town.

Information came to the Advertiser yesterday to the effect that rabbits were being reared also, on this ranch, and a representative was immediately sent out to investigate the truth of the matter. Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth was consulted and Officer George Sea was dispatched with the reporter to the Wagner ranch. Upon inquiry of Mrs. Wagner the two were conducted at once to the rabbitry, which was exhibited with pride, the woman doubtless being in ignorance of the illegality of maintaining and rearing rabbits.

Within a well-arranged rabbit house, dozens of the animals of all sizes frisked about, nibbling at the bits of vegetables and green leaves which were strewn on the floor.

A large female Belgian hare was conspicuous among a number of grown-up white rabbits, and a mass of little rabbits of both breeds and cross-breeds tumbled over each other and ran in and out of the little doorways provided for them.

It was impossible to count the animals and the woman was asked how many there were.

"I no can count," said she, "he grow too quick. I no know how many. I think twenty big one—three, four dozen little one. He come so many little one all time. I no know how many. New little one come all time. He breed every two month and every time come maybe twelve, thirteen little one. No can keep count."

"For what purpose do you raise them?" the woman was asked.

"Raise 'em for sell," she replied, "bime'by do big business; sell hotel. We no sell much rabbit for two, three month. Long time ago my husband sell rabbit Hawaiian Hotel, British Club, Lycurgus place, too. He take 'em down town, sell 'em."

When asked where the original rabbits were procured Mrs. Wagner said that the boy who go to the Coast to bring down the stock for her husband brought them down from the Mainland with the pigs, fancy chickens, etc., with which his ranch is stocked. She was asked if her husband had any trouble in getting the rabbits ashore on the arrival of the sailing vessel in which they were brought, and she replied that she did not know; if he had any trouble with the inspectors she had not heard of it. She also stated that she intended selling the animals for pets to any one who cared to purchase them.

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth will consult with High Sheriff Brown this morning and prompt action will be taken in the matter of this wholesale breeding of the pests which the law has been at so much pains to exclude from this island. The words of the woman quoted above are eloquent of the phenomenal breeding of the animals, and their continual nibbling all the time, grasses and vegetables provided for them bespeak their voracious appetites for all green things. The disastrous result, should a pair of these prolific pests escape to the cane fields, can easily be imagined.

That there are many Belgian hares and other destructive species of rabbit being kept in Honolulu as pets is an indisputable fact. The pair of Belgian hares spoken of in yesterday's Advertiser as having been seen in a street car caged and in possession of a passenger, have not yet been located, but the identity of the man who carried them has been discovered, and he will be sought out this morning by the authorities.

In tracing down the rumor of the incident referred to it was learned yesterday that Inspector Albert Clark had stated that he had seen the man carrying the animals on the car. He was interviewed in regard to the matter and admitted that he had made the statement.

"At first I thought it was a Belgian hare," said he, "and I am not certain that it was not. I asked the man if it was, and he said it was only a pet rabbit that he was taking to a friend. I let him go, as he said it was not a Belgian hare, and I thought I would report the matter to the board of inspectors later."

Mr. Clark said that no investigation

COMMERCIAL.

BUSINESS has been very quiet during the past week, the investor still being out of the market. There is still no disposition to invest, on the part of the general public, and this accounts for the extremely dull week on the local Stock and Bond Exchange. There were very few board sales and there were few street transactions recorded and these at lower figures. Ewa was active at the beginning of the week at 25, but declined steadily under sales of several hundred shares at 24 1-2. On Wednesday large buying orders were received by the brokers but the shares were not then obtainable. A few street sales were recorded at 24 3-4, which was the closing figure, 25 being asked. Hawaiian sugar shares were transferred at 31 1-2, the closing price being 30. Honoum was offered as low as 132 1-2, the stock steadily declining, as at the first of the week it was sought for at 140. Kahuku sold at 22 1-2. Oahu sold as low as 130, though the closing was at 132 1-2. Quotations on Okaia remained the same at 12 1-2 bid, 13 1-2 asked. Waiakua declined to 79 1-2 asked, sales on the street being recorded at 75. Pioneer Mill was sold at 95, 100 being asked. The new assessable shares of this company, with 25 per cent paid, sold at par. This stock was issued August 1st, and the money is to be spent in the development of mountain water, which will be used to generate electric power to be transmitted for a long distance, for the purpose of running the pumps of the plantation, thus effecting a saving to the estate, in coal alone, of \$200,000 a year. Honokaa, which fell so rapidly on the San Francisco market, was offered at 16, 15 bid. Olowalu was offered at 145, Koloa at 170 and Kipahulu at 100. Koloa and Kipahulu paid good dividends at the beginning of last week.

Of the assessable stocks, Kihel was offered at 11, but there were no bidders. McBryde fell to 7 3-4, 85 per cent paid in. The paid up stock fell in sympathy. The final assessment on McBryde, \$3 a share, has been called, payable September 2d. During the payment of this assessment it is expected that this stock will decline further. Okaia was at 3 and the paid up at 12.

Among the miscellaneous stocks Wilder Steamship and Inter-Island were offered at par. Hawaiian Electric advanced to 105, while People's Ice & Refrigerating fell off to 80. The Electric Company will absorb the ice company, and buyers of ice shares at 80 calculate that an assessment of \$16 to \$20 will be called, to pay off outstanding indebtedness, after which a share of Electric will be exchanged for a share of ice. The bank and mercantile stocks remain unchanged.

Bond quotations were strong, Ewa sixes being at 102, while Oahu R. & L. Co. advanced to 105. Both Oahu sugar and Waiakua are at 102 1-2.

Dividends were paid as follows: Hawaiian Agricultural Co., 2 1-2 per cent; Honoum, 3 per cent; Okaia, 1 per cent, and Oahu R. & L. Co., 50 cents.

THE HARDWARE NEGOTIATION.

That there will be something come out of the proposed deal between E. O. Hall & Son, Ltd., and the Hawaiian Hardware Company is believed by those who have followed the negotiations. There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the latter company today, and at that time there may be some offer other than the present one made to the former. The offer now standing is for the sale of the stock of the Hawaiian company to Hall & Son for \$90,000. There are further negotiations going on and the result will not be known for several days yet.

had as yet been made by the Board and that he had not even reported it. He was asked the name of the passenger who carried the animal, but refused to give it, saying that it would spoil the investigation of the inspectors to divulge the name at this time.

"Why should you wish to suppress any information you may possess?" he was asked, "since if there is no truth in the rumor it can result in no injury, and if it is true the matter should be certainly ferreted out?"

"I am a public official," Mr. Clark replied, "and I have the right to withhold any information I choose, pending investigation, without giving any reason for so doing."

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth was informed of the inspector's refusal, and Mr. Clark was summoned to the High Sheriff's Office. Mr. Chillingworth maintained that it was the duty of the inspectors to prevent the importation into the city of the prohibited animals, but that their jurisdiction in the matter ceased once the animals were landed, and that complaints of the keeping and breeding of rabbits in the city should receive the consideration of the local authorities in the enforcement of the law prescribing the powers of the police in destroying the pests and punishing offenders.

Mr. Clark was given until 5 o'clock to divulge the name of the man he had seen on the car, and just before the hour he appeared at Mr. Chillingworth's office and stated that the passenger who had carried the rabbits was a man by the name of Aldrich, who was formerly in the employ of Le Munyon's photographic gallery. An effort was made to find Mr. Aldrich last night, but he could not be located. He will be summoned this morning.

Rather an amusing incident, and one which indicated more developments in the Belgian hare line, happened while the matter was being discussed in the Deputy Sheriff's office. "Tommy Abe," familiarly known as "Tommy," being a Japanese member of the police force, had been listening to the conversation and had gathered that rabbits was the subject under discussion. There was a moment's silence. It was broken by the amazing words of "Tommy," who leaned back in his chair in the glory of his blue uniform and a shining star. "I got two rabbit home," said he.

The Deputy Sheriff's face wore a look of blank amazement and incredulity. He collapsed and fell into a chair. Tommy went on to describe his pets. They had long ears, he said, and ate everything green in sight; were of a dark-brown color and got along amiably with his monkey and his parrot; they had thrived remarkably and in the few months that he had had them he had been able to give away thirty or forty little ones to his neighbors, who raised them either for pets or to eat. "I live Portuguese town," he said. "Portuguese very fond of pet rabbit and goat. All time raise 'em. Lots of rabbit in Portuguese town."

Apparently "Tommy's" pets are not Belgian hares, but they undoubtedly belong to the destructive class of rabbits, and as such are prohibited by law. "Tommy" grew facetious and when questioned about the animals volunteered to procure pets for all present who desired them. "You come with me," said he, "and I show you lots of rabbit."

When made acquainted with the nature of the rabbit investigation the Japanese got badly scared and said that he had had the rabbits only a few days; also that he would go right home and kill them and wouldn't ever keep a rabbit again. The monkey and the parrot were enough to lavish his affection upon. He was very nervous the rest of the afternoon and hastened home when relieved from duty. The animals are probably in process of preparation for stew this morning. The Portuguese section will be thoroughly gone over by the police immediately.

Mr. Chillingworth stated last night that no time will be lost in prosecuting all cases and that the matter will be followed up vigorously. All animals will be destroyed as soon as found and those in possession of them will be held to strict account and punished without discrimination. The Chamber of Commerce will probably take prompt action also, as the matter at stake is a very important one and one which in-

imals are pets, especially after the admission to an Advertiser reporter Friday that the hares were being raised for sale to the hotels for eating purposes.

A distinction may be raised as to the difference between rabbits and hares. The statute expressly forbids the importation and breeding of rabbits, but does not refer to the Belgian hare in so many words, though the hare is commonly referred to as a species of rabbit.

JAMES H. BLOUNT IS PARALYZED

MACON, Ga., August 4.—Ex-Congressman James H. Blount, who represented this district in Congress for twenty years, and who was sent to Hawaii by President Cleveland as Commissioner Paramount at the time of the revolution in the islands, has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a critical condition at his country home near here.

James H. Blount was born in Macon on September 12, 1837, and represented



JAMES H. BLOUNT.

the Sixth District of his native State in Congress continuously from 1872 until March 4, 1893. During that period he was a member of several of the most important committees and had been chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Postoffices. Shortly before the expiration of his last term he received an unprecedented tribute from his fellow-members of Congress, who, knowing that he had declined a renomination, interrupted the proceedings of the House in order that Judge Holman of Indiana might deliver a eulogy upon Blount's public services. Holman's address was followed by sympathetic remarks by Representatives Bland of Missouri, Hitt of Illinois, O'Neill of Pennsylvania, Springer of Illinois and McCrary of Kentucky. Blount was dispatched to Hawaii in the capacity of special United States Commissioner by President Cleveland in March, 1893, for the purpose of ascertaining the advantages or disadvantages of annexation and the sentiment of both whites and natives in reference thereto. Blount sailed for Honolulu from San Francisco on March 20, 1893, and shortly after his arrival at the Hawaiian capital gave instructions for the withdrawal of the United States marines from the city and the hauling down of the American flag from the headquarters of the provisional government established there before he arrived.

GOOD MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

If you have a baby in the house you will wish to know the best way to check any unusual looseness of the bowels, or diarrhoea so common to small children. O. P. M. Holliday, of Deming, Ind., who has an eleven months' old child, says: "Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach. His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., general agents, H. T.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

BY ORDER OF MESSRS. THEO. H. DAVIES & CO., Ltd., mortgagees under certain mortgages dated July 1, 1898, made by George McDougall, William McDougall and George W. McDougall, doing business at Kailua, in the island of Hawaii, under the firm name and style of George McDougall & Sons, and recorded in the Registry of Conveyances in Honolulu, in liber 180, on pages 221 to 224, and by the consent of said mortgagors, and of all parties in interest, I will offer for sale at public auction at my salesrooms, Queen street, Honolulu, on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1901, at 12 o'clock noon, all of the property situated in the district of North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, known as the McDougall Ranch and Coffee Plantation, containing an area of — acres more or less, described as follows, to-wit:

All of those certain pieces or parcels of land situated at Kailua and Honokahau (2), Island of Hawaii, aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

1. The ahupua'a of Hienaloli 2d, and being apana 6, of L. C. A. 7718, and conveyed by deed dated July 21, 1885, from Charles R. Bishop and Samuel M. Damon to George McDougall, of record in said registry in liber 184, on page 214, containing an area of about 300 acres.

2. All of that land situate at Papakoko, Honokahau 2, containing 80.50 acres, and more particularly described in Royal Patent (grant) No. 3456, to George McDougall, issued August 30, 1892.

Together with all and singular the easements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. The above two pieces being subject to a certain mortgage dated March 2, 1897, from George McDougall to the estate of W. C. Lunallilo, deceased, for the sum of two thousand dollars, with interest at 7 per cent per annum, of record in said registry in liber 170, page 18.

And also all of those certain indentures of lease of lands in North Kona, Island of Hawaii, aforesaid, viz:

1. That certain indenture of lease from Liliuokalani to George McDougall of the land known as Keahuolu, described in L. C. A. 8452, R. P. 6851, dated the 31st of March, 1892, of record in said registry in liber 134, on pages 48-49. Area, about 4,071 acres. \$500 per annum to March 31, 1912; \$700 per annum to March 31, 1922.

2. That certain indenture of lease from Francis Spencer to George McDougall of the land known as Honokahauiki, dated January 6, 1897, of record in said registry in liber 169, on pages 24-25. About 500 acres. \$300 per annum to January 4, 1912; \$400 per annum to January 4, 1927.

3. That certain indenture of lease from the trustees under the will of Bernice Pauahi Bishop to George McDougall of the land known as Puaa 1st, together with fishing rights, dated May 2, 1897, of record in said registry in liber 163, on pages 235-237. About 550 acres. \$100 per annum to May 2, 1902.

4. That certain indenture of lease from Mrs. Kau Keawealani to George McDougall and Sons of homestead lots 10 and 20, in Kealahou, dated March 1, 1894, of record in said registry in liber 182, on pages 288-289, containing an area of 46.91 acres, more or less. — per annum to March 1, 1911.

Together with all buildings and improvements made upon or put up and erected upon the land in said leases named and described, also all coffee trees growing thereon, the area of said coffee lands being as follows: About 150 acres of planted coffee. About 50 acres of wild coffee. And also, all of the herd of cattle belonging to said mortgagors running at large in said North Kona, numbering about 400 head, more or less.

JAMES F. MORGAN,

Auctioneer.

TERMS—Cash, United States gold coin. Deeds at expense of purchaser.

For further particulars, apply to Hatch & Billman, attorneys for mortgagor, or to Messrs. Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd.

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Comptroller Dawes, in his reference to the organization of national banks under the act of March, 1900, says: In the Pacific States, including Hawaii, there were twenty-two organized, with an aggregate capital of \$1,635,000. Of this number twelve were of the smaller class, and nine were with capital of \$50,000 or more.

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